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SUBJECT: NEW PROPOSAL FOR NATO NAVAL VISIT TO SPAIN?

1. BRITISH EMBASSY OSLO HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM LONDON THAT NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS BEFORE IT A PROPOSAL FOR AN OPERATIONAL VISIT TO PALMA, MALLORCA, BY UNITS OF NAVAL ON-CALL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (NAVOCFORMED) DURING ITS NEXT ACTIVATION FOR EXERCISE "DRUM FREE" MAY 4-8, 1974. OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES WERE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH NORWEGIANS TO SEE WHETHER ATTITUDES HAVE CHANGED SINCE NORWAY VETOED PROPOSAL FOR BARCELONA VISIT LAST JUNE.

2. BEFORE APPROACHING NORWEGIANS, BRITISH SOUGHT OUR VIEWS; WE AGREED WITH THEM THAT PRESENT LABOR GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY TO BE EVEN MORE STAUNCHLY OPPOSED THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT TO DEMONSTRATIVE SPANISH-NATO COOPERATION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF MC PROPOSAL. BYRNE

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